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INFORMATION ON THE FRAUREUTH ANTIFRICTION BEARING FACTORY (2pp; German; [REDACTED]; date 25X1A
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1. The technical office of the Bearing Factory is at Glauchau/Sachsen and is directly subordinated to the Ministry [of Machine-Building], Department of Research and Development.

2. The plant manufactures, inter alia, the following items according to the DIN (German Industrial Norms) classification: roller ring bearings up to 250 mm outside diameter in the DIN 72nd or L - Series; precision bearings for grinding-wheel spindles; self-aligning ring bearings according to DIN 1200 and 1300 Series, also of the DIN 11200 and 11300 Series (so-called agricultural machinery bearings); cylinder ring bearings (roller bearings) up to 250 mm outside diameter; thrust bearings of DIN 51100, 51300, 51200, and 51400 Series; the production of tapered roller bearings will begin shortly.

3. The Technical Office is constantly working on improvements of special grinding machines which are, in turn, to improve the production of the bearings mentioned above.

4. Raw material is furnished by Unterwellenborn and Hennigsdorf; bearing balls are obtained from Schweina/Thueringen. The report mentions difficulty in obtaining material from Sweden, West Germany, or Czechoslovakia.

5. According to the Five-Year Plan, a branch factory will be built on the grounds of a former porcelain factory in Fraureuth.

6. Important personnel are: fnu Schach, Chief Director; fnu Hoehne, Deputy Director who is also in charge of Research and Development; fnu Siebenlist, Technical Director; fnu Denner, Chief of Grinding-Wheel Spindle Manufacture and Precision Bearings; fnu Granert, Chief of the Design Office; fnu Schubert, Cultural Director; fnu Koch, Personnel Director; fnu Rodigast, BGL (Plant Trade-Union Administration).

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At the end of July 1952, the two blast furnaces at EKO were producing 1,000 tons of good quality iron daily. Credit for getting EKO into operation does not belong to the Soviet engineers who had been called in, but to the Silesian workers themselves. Furnace III is not yet in production; the foundations of furnace IV are completed. Shafts are being driven under the furnaces to reinforce the foundations. The report says that the EKO, contrary to some reports, does have its own sintering installation in operation. The Siemens-Martin furnace installation at EKO is in progress; two of these furnaces are to be ready by 1953. The sheet-rolling mill is to be ready for operation by September 1953. The temporary cultural building is in use now; the cultural director of EKO, a German-speaking Czech communist (name not given) says a 12 million- Deutsche mark cultural center will be ready by the end of 1953. A second blast furnace installation consisting of four furnaces is planned and some preliminary work has begun on them. On 31 July 1952 the EKO employed 7,400. Young men are urged to join the People's Police. The GDR press stated that 200 young men of the EKO had joined up; the report says that the actual number was 32.

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